

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 51, line 4,  
with the following rewritten paragraph:

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concl* --A thirteenth embodiment of the present invention will now be described with reference to the drawings. The thirteenth embodiment has a structure constituted by separating the color management apparatus 16 from the image output apparatus 10 so that an independent image converging apparatus is formed. Fig. 27 is a flow chart of data in the image converging apparatus according to the thirteenth embodiment of the present invention. Reference numeral 38 represents image data format (1) of color characteristic data 17 and image data 20 which are input to the image converting apparatus. Reference numeral 39 represents an image data format (2) of color characteristic data 17[a] and image data 20[a] after the image converting apparatus has converted image data 20. Reference number 40 represents the image converting apparatus according to the thirteenth embodiment.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 51, line 22,  
with the following rewritten paragraph:

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cont* --The operation will now be described. Image data 20 input to the image converting apparatus 40 in the form of the image data format 38 is subjected to a process, which is performed by the color management apparatus 16, by the image converting apparatus 40

by using color characteristic data 17 corresponding to image data 31. Then, converted image data 20[a] and color characteristic data 17[a] adaptable to converted image data 20[a] are added to each other so that data above is transmitted in the form of the image data format 39.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 52, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--As described above, the thirteenth embodiment has the structure that the image converting apparatus 40 uses color characteristic data 17 corresponding to image data 20 to perform the process of image data 20, which is performed by each color management apparatus 16 and which is input to the image converting apparatus 40 in the form of the image data format 38. Then, converted image data 20[a] and color characteristic data 17a adaptable to converted image data 20[a] are added to each other so as to be transmitted in the form of the image data format 39. Therefore, converted image data 20[a] and color characteristic data 17[a] adaptable to image data 20[a] always exist in the form of a pair. Thus, the following color process can efficiently be performed.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 53, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The operation will now be described. Image data 20 input to the image converting apparatus 40 in the form of the image data format 32 is processed by the image converting apparatus 40. The process, which is performed by each of the color management apparatus 16, is performed using color characteristic data 17 corresponding to image data 20 and color characteristic data 17 in the image converting apparatus 40 selected by a CPU (not shown) or the like. Also color characteristic data 17 in the image converting apparatus 40 includes color characteristic data included in the image data format (1). When the CPU selects color characteristic data suitable to a purpose, a process except for the process regulated by the image data format (1) can be performed. Converted image data 20[a] and color characteristic data 17 suitable to converted image data 20[a] are added to each other so that data is transmitted in the form of the image data format 39.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 54, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--As described above, the fourteenth embodiment has the structure that the image converting apparatus 40 performs the process which is performed by each color management apparatus 16. The image converting apparatus 40 processes image data 20 input to the image converting apparatus 40 in the form of the image data format 38 by using color characteristic data 17 corresponding to

image data 20 and color characteristic data 17[b] in the image converting apparatus 40 selected by a CPU (not shown) or the like.

Thus, a portion except for converted image data 20[a] and color characteristic data 17[a] suitable to converted image data 20[a] is included. Since data is output in the form of the image data format 39, conversion into image data having various color characteristics by the number of color characteristic data 17[b] included in the image converting apparatus 40 can be performed.--

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